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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mahmud et al.

Application No.: 09/975,699

Filed: October 11, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Matthew Thexton

For: A METHOD OF MAKING A MULTI-PHASE AGGREGATE USING A MULTI-STAGE PROCESS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

March 25, 2003

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2002, in which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before March 26, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following amended parts of the abstract as indicated in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended abstract with markings to show the changes made is also attached).

--An aggregate including a carbon phase and a silicon-containing species phase is described, wherein a difference between BET (N₂) surface area and t-area of the aggregate is

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